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SUBJ EXTENSION OF UNFICYP

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1. DESPITE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY EXTAFF MIN SHARP IN NOTIFYING UNSYG OF GOC AGREEMENT TO INCREASE CANADIAN UNFICYP CONTINGENT, EMBASSY BELIEVES GOC WOULD AGREE TO STRAIGHTFORWARD EXTENSION OF UNFICYP MANDATE. WE RECALL THAT IN SEPTEMBER CANADIANS SUGGESTED NEED FOR "NEW, DETAILED OPERATIONS OBJECTIVES FOR UNFICYP," BUT WERE NOT INCLINED TO OPEN THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF THE MANDATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHERE SOVIETS, PRC AND OTHERS COULD PLAY DISRUPTIVE ROLE. GOC MAY STILL BE DISSATISFIED WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR UNFICYP, BUT NOT TO THE POINTE OF WISHING TO OPEN DEBATE ON THE MANDATE THIS DECEMBER.

2. CONTINUED PRESENCE OF 900-MAN CANADIAN CONTINGENT,
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HOWEVER, IS ANOTHER MATTER. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE,

FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS HAVE FORCED GOC TO CONSIDER
REDUCTIONS IN SOME OR ALL OF FOUR "ROLES" OF CANADIAN
FORCES: SAFEGUARDING SOVEREIGNTY, DEFENSE OF NORTH
AMERICA, NATO, AND PEACEKEEPING, OF WHICH LATTER HAS
LOWEST PRIORITY. GOC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SCRUPULOUS
IN AVOIDING ANY COMMENT ON WHERE REDUCTIONS MIGHT COME,
EVEN IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION. GIVEN GENERAL UNHAPPINESS
WITH PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, AND PERVASIVE FEELING IN
CANADA THAT UNFICYP PRESENCE MAY ENABLE PARTIES TO AVOID
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS, SOME REDUCTION
IN CANADIAN CONTINGENT APPEARS LIKELY, PERHAPS WITHIN
NEXT SIX MONTHS.
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